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FM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1834
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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FROM AMBASSADOR EILTS IN ALEXANDRIA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP (CODEL DIGGS)
SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

REF: A. CAIRO 16159 (NOTAL)
B. STATE 166334 (NOTAL)

1. ON ASSUMPTION CODEL DIGGS WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SADAT WHILE IN EGYPT, AMBASSADOR TOLD VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK THIS MORNING ABOUT DATES OF CODEL VISIT AND ASKED WHETHER MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. MUBARAK NOTED THAT SADAT IS GIVING MAJOR ADDRESS TO THE NATION EVENING JULY 22 AND THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL BE TOTALLY ENGAGED IN PREPARING THAT SPEECH JULY 21-22. SINCE SADAT WILL BE IN CAIRO JULY 22-23, MUBARAK THOUGHT THAT A MEET ING COULD BE ARRANGED FOR MORNING OF JULY 23 IF AGREEABLE TO CODEL.

2. WE NOTE CODEL CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO DEPART EARLY MORNING JULY 23 EN ROUTE BACK TO U.S. WOULD CODEL CONSIDER DELAYING DEPARTURE BY A DAY TO ALLOW
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MEETING WITH SADAT SOME TIME LATE MORNING OR EARLY AFTERNOON OF JULY 23?

3. IF THIS NOT CONVENIENT, THERE IS POSSIBILITY CODEL COULD MEET WITH SADAT IN KHARTOUM AT OAU SUMMIT. ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, WE ARE INFORMED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE

THAT SADAT EXPECTS TO BE AT OAU SUMMIT JULY 17-19.
WHILE IN KHARTOUM, SADAT WILL BE BUSY MEETING OTHER
OAU SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS, BUT CONCEIVABLY EMBASSY
KHARTOUM COULD WORK OUT WITH EGYPTIAN EMBASSY SOME
KIND OF MEETING.

4. PLEASE ADVISE CODEL'S WISHES. MCCLELLAND

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